



J.A. and KATHRYN

ALBERTSON FAMILY
FOUNDATION

2018

YEAR IN GIVING REVIEW

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VISION & VALUES

VISION

Making Idaho a place to learn, thrive, and prosper.

MISSION

Investing time, energy, and resources into:
Limitless Learning, Innovative Leaders, and Stronger Communities.

VALUES

Family Engagement

Integrity

Leadership

Opportunity

Innovation

Results



Can you please tell us about the Foundation’s work as if describing it at a dinner party?

The work that we do is really about investing in communities in Idaho. Traditionally Joe and Kathryn made a lot of contributions toward educational causes, but they also invested in recreation and quality of life and just things that generally make Idaho such a great place to live.

What do you wish people knew about the Foundation that most don’t?

I think one thing that’s really important to know about the Albertson Family Foundation is it truly is a family foundation. So it doesn’t have anything to do with a corporation or a company. It really is run and directed by the Albertson family heirs, and we’re primarily focused on three initiative areas, and that’s learning, community and awareness.

Can you speak to why the Foundation has chosen to focus on three pillars?

LEARNING

So our learning initiatives are really about creating world class schools and learning environments for Idaho kids. Idaho makes a great classroom. If we can try to promote limitless learning in and outside of schools, we try to do that.

COMMUNITY

Our community initiative is really interesting and also pretty diverse in that we tend to gravitate towards projects that support recreation because

it’s really important to our family, but we’re also recently supporting a broader veteran community initiative, and our hope is to make Idaho one of the greatest places for our post-9/11 veterans to live and do business and raise a family.

AWARENESS

Finally our awareness initiatives are trying to elevate conversation about important topics we feel are facing Idaho. So how are we stacking up in economic development, in how we’re educating the future of our state? So we try to use data and bring important conversations to light so that we can get the greatest minds collectively solving the problems.

What are your hopes and dreams for the Foundation?

One thing that’s been really a unique opportunity about being at the helm of the foundation is it’s the first time we’ve had a family member running the organization and, who knows, it might be the last. So for me it was really important to try to instill that sense of values and culture that I felt Joe and Kathryn really emulated. So how are we going to ensure that for the next 25 years, no matter what the work of the Foundation is, that we’re carrying forward the same work ethic and values that Joe and Kathryn had.



Roger Quarles
Executive Director

DIRECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Making Idaho a place to learn, thrive and prosper, is at the center of every decision we consider. There are more than 7,000 non-profit organizations in Idaho, many of them doing important work. Our approach to giving looks to courageous leaders who exemplify our foundation's values of innovation, opportunity, integrity, and results.

In 2018, the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation gifted more than \$33 million to a wide variety of charitable organizations. Organizations led by doers. Those with integrity and grit. Those creating opportunities where there is a clear readiness to benefit. Those providing "hand-ups" not "hand-outs," and those who can provide measurable results. These are leaders that see challenges as opportunities, and who are creating new opportunities for Idahoans.

Our giving strategy is tied to three focus areas; Learning, Awareness and Community. And while the financial component of what we do may be significant, much of our passion is tied to the time and energy we put into the programs and initiatives aligned with our core values. Our position is more one of doing than simply giving, just as we expect from our grantees.

Striving for continuous improvement is a constant in our day to day work, and while the rewards are many through the opportunities we are able to provide, we embrace ways to think differently - always looking to do better.

Whether it is through BLUUM and their commitment to ensuring Idaho's children reach their fullest potential by cultivating great leaders and innovative schools, the Mission43 Entrepreneurship Program and their partnership with Boise State Venture College - providing veterans and military spouses with resources, tools and the methodology needed to start their own businesses, or Idaho Ed News delivering investigative journalism and the most current data aimed to hold lawmakers and educators accountable for taxpayer dollars and student achievement; they all point to our vision to make Idaho a better place to learn, thrive, and prosper.

I invite you to take a few minutes to watch the highlight videos we've included below in our 2018 Year in Giving Review. These three initiatives speak to our diverse approach to philanthropic giving, and are examples of what innovative leaders are doing across the state of Idaho to make it an even better place.

2018 GIVING

The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation is dedicated to raising awareness and expanding ways to learn, and to enhancing a sense of place and community for all Idahoans. [View our complete 2018 Charitable Giving List.](#)



AWARENESS

\$4 Million

We believe in elevating conversation to inspire and encourage informed decisions.



COMMUNITY

\$12 Million

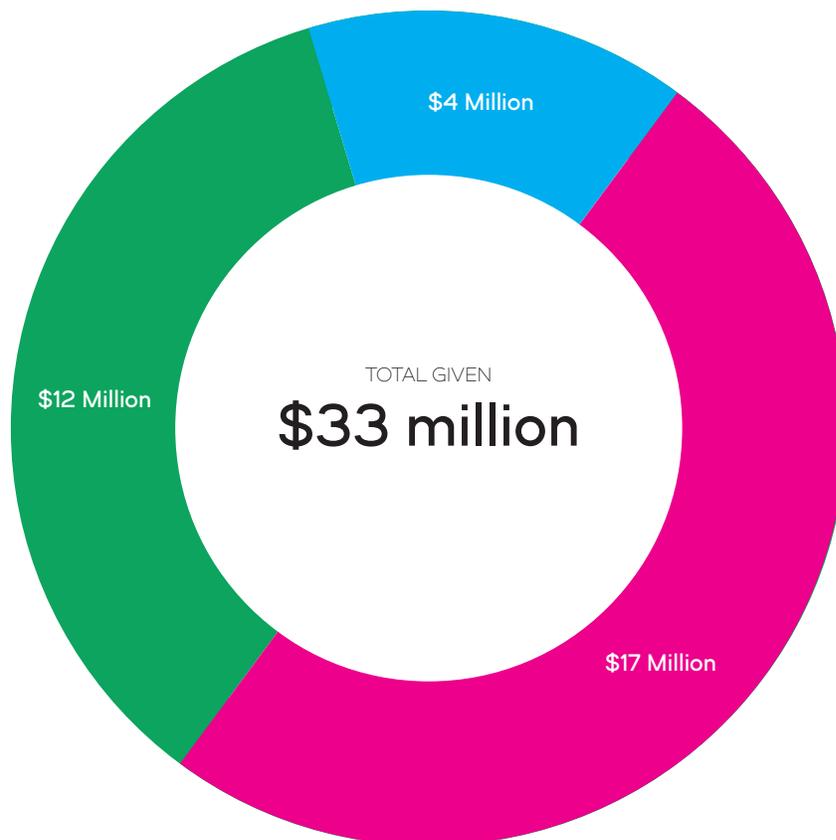
We believe philanthropic giving can enhance sense of place and transform communities.



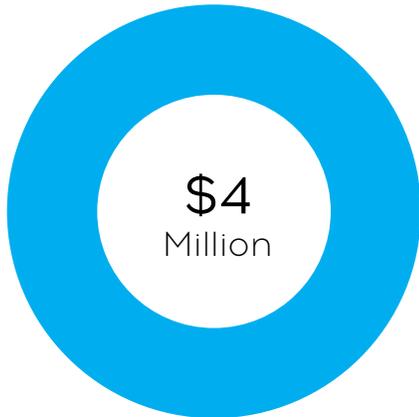
LEARNING

\$17 Million

We believe learning innovation and equitable access to learning options is essential for students to thrive in today's world.



AWARENESS



FEATURED INITIATIVES

- ▲ BUCK THE QUO
- ▲ DON'T FAIL IDAHO
- ▲ EDVENTURE
- ▲ IDAHO ED NEWS
- ▲ IDAHO ED TRENDS

COMMUNITY



FEATURED INITIATIVES

- BOGUS BASIN
- BOISE WHITEWATER PARK
- BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF ADA COUNTY
- HIGHER GROUND SUN VALLEY
- MISSION43

LEARNING



FEATURED INITIATIVES

- BLUUM: SUPPORTING HIGH PERFORMING MODEL SCHOOLS
- FUTURE PUBLIC SCHOOL
- IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
- LL5: LEVERAGING LEARNING ON THE FIFTH DAY
- ONE STONE
- TEACH FOR AMERICA



[Watch the video >](#)

IDAHO ED NEWS AND IDAHO ED TRENDS

Idaho Ed News and Idaho Ed Trends deliver investigative journalism and the most current data aimed to hold lawmakers and educators accountable for taxpayer dollars and student achievement. Idaho spends \$2 billion annually on public education while student achievement has stagnated over the past four years and still lags behind national indicators of performance and success. Idaho Ed News features stories, news, and commentary about education policies and practices and the people who create and implement them. Idaho Ed Trends aggregates the most current data to provide for exploration and comparison about public schools in Idaho. Information and articles are also shared via Facebook, Instagram, podcast, and a weekly e-newsletter.

[Learn More >](#)



[Watch the video >](#)

MISSION43 ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

In 2018, Mission43 introduced a program to help veterans and their spouses explore entrepreneurship as a viable way to transition from the military and enter the civilian workforce here in Idaho. In partnership with the Boise State University Venture College, this peer-centric 10-session course provides adaptive tools centered around the design thinking and lean startup methodology, as well as exposure and feedback through a well-established network at the college. In its first year, thirty-seven Mission43 members participated in the entrepreneurship program.

[Learn More >](#)



[Video coming soon](#)

BLUUM

Bluum was launched in 2014 to help Idaho's children reach their fullest potential by cultivating great leaders and innovative schools. Bluum has helped 15 high-performing schools open or expand, by directing nearly \$19.8M in school grants - creating 8,000+ new learning opportunities for students. Bluum's Idaho New School Fellowship has empowered six outstanding educators to design, build, and launch high-performing public charter schools in Garden City, Caldwell and Fruitland. In September 2018, Bluum was awarded \$17.1M in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Education's Charter Schools Program, to open or expand up to 19 more high-quality public charter schools in Idaho.

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